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1. The city of Daugavpils (N 55-53, E 26-30) was damaged only slightly during World War II and has been largely restored. The Daugava bridge, which was being rebuilt of wood, was scheduled to be completed in the summer of 1954. Considerable building is going on in the suburbs of Daugavpils to relieve the serious housing shortage in the city, where the population has been sharply increased by numbers of farmers who move to the city in order to avoid joining the kolkhozy. Many of these farmers tear down their old houses and rebuild them with the same lumber on land granted by the city. 25X1
2. The population of Daugavpils is about half Latvian and half Russian.¹ There are no longer any Germans in the city. Very few soldiers are seen on the streets. Although the general amnesty in 1953 released many criminals in the area, the latter have been in large part rearrested. 25X1
3. Most commodities are readily available in Daugavpils, and queues are not common. Bread is hard to obtain on Wednesday and Friday of each week, when the farmers come to market and buy their supplies. Although the kolkhoz farmers have to deliver a large share of their production to the State, they are able to maintain themselves and usually keep house pets, which supply dung for their gardens. 25X1
4. The winter of 1953-1954 was very cold in eastern Latvia, the temperature measuring as low as minus 32° C. A good harvest was promised for 1954. After Stalin's death, food prices and some others decreased. Some representative prices paid for consumers' goods in Daugavpils in the summer of 1954 are as follows: 25X1

Item	Unit	Price in Rubles
Bread	1 kilo	2
Milk	1 liter	2
Sour cream	1 liter	14

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Egg	10	7 to 9
Bacon	1 kilo	25
Pork	1 kilo	18
Mutton	1 kilo	16
Sausage	1 kilo	10 to 25
Butter	1 kilo	26
Margarine	1 kilo	14
Sugar	1 kilo	8.30
Fresh-water fish	1 kilo	2.10
Chicken (fat)	1	25
Iron cooking pot (four-liter capacity)	1	11
Pan	1	3.50
Summer dress material	1 meter	23
Ladies' coat	1	500
Man's suit	1	500 to 1,000

5. [redacted] 25X1
 earning 450 rubles per month in summer and 250 rubles in winter. Monthly deductions included the following items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Deduction in rubles</u>
Tax	6
Social insurance	3
State lottery	20

6. [redacted] assigned furnished quarters, for [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] 25 rubles per month. Services included light, firewood, water, clean- 25X1
 ing, and tending the fire. [redacted] 25X1
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